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Schorr Reveals Rep. Ryan as Source of Angola Leak

NEWPORT, R.I., Nov. 29 (AP)—Former CBS television reporter Daniel Schorr said today that his source in uncovering a covert CIA operation in Angola was the late Rep. Leo J. Ryan of California.

Schorr said Ryan, who was shot and killed in Guyana Nov. 18 while on a fact-finding trip to the Peoples Temple commune in Jonestown, gave him the information in 1975.

Speaking at a military-media relations conference at the Naval War College here, Schorr said he was not accustomed to revealing his sources.

He said, however, he felt his revelation was all right in this case because the congressman is "dead and beyond reproach."

Schorr said Ryan leaked the information to him after the congressman had received a top-secret briefing on the Angola operation from the staff of the House International Relations Committee.

"Once a government agency gets into enough trouble that it comes under surveillance by the Congress, it is very difficult from that moment to keep things secret," Schorr said.

Schorr was taken off the air in 1976 after another incident involving a leak of information—it was learned that he had passed to The Village Voice a secret House Select Committee on Intelligence report

on U.S. intelligence activities which was highly critical of then-secretary of State Henry A. Kissinger. Later, Schorr resigned from CBS.

In that incident he told a House committee that wanted to know how he gained access to the report that he would not reveal his source. "To betray the source would mean to dry up many future sources for many future reporters (and) to betray myself, my career and my life," Schorr said at the time.